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Applicant(s): Walker et al.

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GENERATING A COUPON

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 10, before "Field of the Invention", please insert:

-- **Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

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This application is related to the following commonly-owned, co-pending United States patent applications, each assigned to the assignee of the present invention and filed on March 20, 1998: U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/045,386 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE PERFORMANCE OF A SUPPLEMENTARY PROCESS AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL" filed in the name of Jay S. Walker et al.; U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/045,036 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING THE PLAY OF FRACTIONAL LOTTERY TICKETS UTILIZING POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS" filed in the name of Jay S. Walker et al.; U.S. patent application Serial No. 045,084 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING OFFERS THAT ARE PROVIDED AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL" filed in the name of Andrew S. Van Luchene; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/045,518 entitled "METHOD AND